

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring a license in a hub network, comprising:

 sending a license request from a client to a server;

 sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server; and

 receiving license data at said client from said server in response to said license request;

 wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, which is a copy of a source version stored on said server, the source version being a source for copies of content data in the hub network,

 said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data, and said license data corresponding to said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network,

 wherein ~~further~~ said sub-copy locked content data and copies of said sub-copy locked content data can be made of a bound instance are made only by other clients connected to said hub network.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before receiving said license data including a sub-copy license at said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

updating a sub-copy license for a sub-copy version stored on said client;

wherein said sub-copy license corresponds to said sub-copy version, and

updating license data for said sub-copy version includes updating said sub-copy license according to said received license data.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period, and

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
 setting an expiration time according to said expiration period including resetting
said expiration time if said expiration time was previously set to a different value;
 wherein said client has a secure client clock,
 when said client clock indicates that the current expiration time has been reached,
said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled, and
 said client will not decrypt said sub-copy locked content data when said sub-copy
license is disabled.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 said connection confirmation indicates said client is connected to said server.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 said connection confirmation indicates said client is within a local environment of
said server, and
 said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 sending a security confirmation from said client to said server,

wherein said security confirmation indicates a state of security data stored on said client.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a security update at said client from said server;

wherein said security update includes new security data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

said security data includes a new key for decryption.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said received license data.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub network from said hub network.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a license request from a client at a server;

sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending license data from said server to said client in response to said license request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and said license data corresponding to said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network,

wherein ~~further~~ said sub-copy version and copies of said sub-copy version ~~can be~~ of a bound instance are made only by ~~other~~ clients connected to said hub network.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before sending said license data including a sub-copy license to said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:
said license data corresponds to a sub-copy license for said sub-copy version and includes data for updating said sub-copy license.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:
said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein:
said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period,
said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license
is valid, and
when said expiration time has been reached after sending said license data, said
sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:
said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

21. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:
said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is
connected to said server.

22. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:
said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is
within a local environment of said server, and
said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

23. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
sending a security confirmation request from said server to said client,

wherein said security confirmation request requests confirmation of a state of security data stored on said client.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
receiving a security confirmation at said server from said client;
wherein said security confirmation indicates said state of said security data stored on said client.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
sending a security update from said server to said client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:
wherein said security update includes a new key for decryption.

27. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
checking a revocation list to determine whether said client is included in said revocation list;

wherein said revocation list is stored on said server.

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

- sending a refresh request from a client to a server;
- sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server;
- receiving updated license data at said client from said server in response to said refresh request; and
- updating a sub-copy license stored on said client according to said updated license data;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data,

wherein said sub-copy license is a license tied ~~corresponds to~~ said sub-copy version, and said sub-copy license is bound to said hub network,

~~wherein further copies of said sub-copy locked content data~~ and copies of said sub-copy locked content data of a bound instance are ~~can be made only by other clients~~ connected to said hub network.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

- receiving a refresh request from a client at a server;
- sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending updated license data from said server to said client in response to said refresh request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client,

wherein said updated license data is for updating a sub-copy license corresponding to said sub-copy version, and said sub-copy license is bound to said hub network,

wherein ~~further~~ said sub-copy version and copies of said sub-copy version ~~can be~~ of a bound instance are made only by other clients connected to said hub network.